Michigan Department of Treasury 496 (02/06) Auditing Procedures Report

Issue	d unde	r P.A.	2 of 1968, as a	amended an	d P.A. 71 of 1919,	as amended.					
			vernment Type				Local Unit Nar	<u></u>		County	
	Coun	-	City	□Twp	□Village	Other					
Fise	cal Yea	ır End			Opinion Date			Date Audit Report Submitted	I to State		
We	affirm	that	<u> </u>								
We	We are certified public accountants licensed to practice in Michigan.										
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					ments and rec				·		
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1.	. \square All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary.										
2.								unit's unreserved fund balar budget for expenditures.	nces/unrest	ricted net assets	
3.			The local (unit is in o	compliance wit	h the Unifo	rm Chart of A	Accounts issued by the Dep	partment of	Treasury.	
4.			The local of	unit has a	dopted a budg	get for all re	equired funds				
5.			A public he	earing on	the budget wa	as held in a	ccordance w	ith State statute.			
6.	6. The local unit has not violated the Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, or other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division.									Municipal Loan Act, or	
7.	☐ ☐ The local unit has not been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.										
8.		☐ ☐ The local unit only holds deposits/investments that comply with statutory requirements.									
9.								that came to our attention ed (see Appendix H of Bull		n the <i>Bulletin for</i>	
10. There are no indications of defalcation, fraud or embezzlement, which came to our attention during the course of our audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD). If there is such activity that has not been communicated, please submit a separate report under separate cover.											
11.			The local of	unit is free	e of repeated of	comments f	from previous	s years.			
12.			The audit	opinion is	UNQUALIFIE	D.					
13.					complied with C g principles (G		r GASB 34 as	s modified by MCGAA State	ement #7 ar	nd other generally	
14.			The board	or counc	il approves all	invoices p	rior to payme	nt as required by charter o	r statute.		
15.			To our kno	owledge,	bank reconcilia	ations that	were reviewe	d were performed timely.			
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Charter Township of East Bay Grand Traverse County, Michigan

Financial Report
with Supplemental Information
December 31, 2006

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Township Board Charter Township of East Bay

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Charter Township of East Bay as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Charter Township of East Bay's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Charter Township of East Bay as of December 31, 2006 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison schedules as identified in the table of contents, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

To the Township Board Charter Township of East Bay

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Charter Township of East Bay's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The other supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

April 17, 2007

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Our discussion and analysis of Charter Township of East Bay, Grand Traverse County, Michigan's (the "Township") financial performance provides an overview of the Township's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. Please read it in conjunction with the Township's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

As discussed in further detail in this discussion and analysis, the following represents the most significant financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2006:

- Total net assets related to the Township's governmental activities increased by approximately \$548,000.
- The fund balance in the General Fund increased by approximately \$129,000, increasing fund balance to approximately \$293,000 from the prior year fund balance of approximately \$164,000.
- Property tax revenue in the Township's governmental activities increased by approximately \$99,000.
- Charges for services revenue in the Water and Sewer Fund decreased by approximately \$48,000.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the activities of the Township as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Township's finances. This longer-term view uses the accrual basis of accounting so that it can measure the cost of providing services during the current year and whether the taxpayers have funded the full cost of providing government services.

The fund financial statements present a short-term view; they tell us how the taxpayers' resources were spent during the year, as well as how much is available for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the Township's most significant funds.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

The Township as a Whole

The following table shows, in a condensed format, the net assets as of the current date and compared to the prior year (in thousands of dollars):

	Governmental Activities			Βι	siness-ty	pe A	ctivities	Total				
		2006		2005	2006		2005		2006			2005
Assets												
Current assets	\$	2,371	\$	1,815	\$	2,438	\$	1,881	\$	4,809	\$	3,696
Noncurrent assets	_	2,862	_	2,581		13,725	_	13,918		16,587	_	16,499
Total assets		5,233		4,396		16,163		15,799		21,396		20,195
Liabilities												
Current liabilities		1,418		1,212		689		635		2,107		1,847
Long-term liabilities		421	_	338		6,995	_	7,340		7,416	_	7,678
Total liabilities		1,839	_	1,550		7,684		7,975		9,523	_	9,525
Net Assets												
Invested in capital assets - Net												
of related debt		1,173		1,215		6,136		6,054		7,309		7,269
Restricted		598		474		_		-		598		474
Unrestricted		1,623		1,157		2,343		1,770		3,966		2,927
Total net assets	\$	3,394	\$	2,846	\$	8,479	\$	7,824	\$	11,873	\$	10,670

The Township's combined net assets increased 11 percent from a year ago, increasing from \$10,683,313 to \$11,872,888. As we look at the governmental activities separately from the business-type activities, we can see that the net assets of the governmental activities increased by approximately \$548,000 and net assets of business-type activities increased by approximately \$655,000.

Unrestricted net assets, the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day operations, increased by approximately \$466,000 for the governmental activities. This represents an increase of 40 percent. The current level of unrestricted net assets for our governmental activities stands at \$1,622,618, or about 91 percent, of expenditures.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

The following table shows the changes in net assets during the current year and as compared to the prior year (in thousands of dollars):

	Governmental			Business-type									
	A	Activities			Activities					Total			
	2006		2	2005		2006		2005	2006			2005	
Revenue													
Program revenue:													
Charges for services	\$ 33	88	\$	369	\$	2,021	\$	2,069	\$	2,359	\$	2,438	
Operating grants and contributions	-			101		-		59		-		160	
General revenue:													
Property taxes	1,1	2		1,013		-		-		1,112		1,013	
State-shared revenue	68	30		677		-		-		680		677	
Unrestricted investment earnings	(62 28			51		22		113		50		
Franchise fees	6	68 44			_		_		68		44		
Other revenue	{	<u> </u>		64	52		43		133			107	
Total revenue	2,34	1 1		2,296		2,124		2,193		4,465		4,489	
Program Expenses													
General government	74	10		990		-		-		740		990	
Public safety	85	53		904		-		-		853		904	
Public works	4	1 I		126		_		-		141		126	
Recreation and culture	4	16		54		_		-		46		54	
Interest on long-term debt		3		14		_		-		13		14	
Water and sewer						1,469		1,615		1,469		1,615	
Total program expenses	1,79	93		2,088		1,469	_	1,615	_	3,262	_	3,703	
Change in Net Assets	\$ 5 4	8	\$	208	\$	655	\$	578	\$	1,203	\$	786	

Governmental Activities

The Township's property tax revenue increased by approximately \$99,000 due to increased property tax values. Unrestricted investment earnings increased by approximately \$34,000 due to increased cash balances in 2006 and investing more cash in the bank investment pool. Operating grants and contributions decreased approximately \$101,000 due to receiving a contribution from the Water and Sewer Fund in the prior year.

Overall, the Township decreased spending in some areas. General government expenditures decreased by approximately \$250,000 related to attorney and accounting fees in 2005 investigating fraud activities (as discussed further on page 7) and reduced employee fringe benefits (insurance, pension, etc.) as a result of fewer employees in 2006. The fee for the public safety labor contract paid to the joint venture increased during 2006 and was offset by recognizing joint venture income in 2006, resulting in a net decrease of approximately \$51,000.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Business-type Activities

The Township's business-type activities consist of the Water and Sewer Fund. The Grand Traverse County Department of Public Works (GTDPW) provides water services to the residents of Grand Traverse County, including East Bay Charter Township. GTDPW bills the residents for these services and passes the related funds on to the Township. Revenue and expenses from the sale of water was \$1,033,000 and \$338,000, respectively, in 2006.

The Township entered into a master sewer agreement with the City of Traverse City and various townships in Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties, as well as Grand Traverse County. This master sewer agreement defines the allocation of costs and establishes certain rights and responsibilities with respect to the wastewater treatment plant. Grand Traverse County is the owner of the treatment plant and the City of Traverse City is the owner of all the multi-user facilities. The Township pays an amount sufficient to cover its pro rata share of treatment plant costs, as determined by its volume of sewage treated in relation to total sewage treated at the plant. The Township's revenue and expenses from sewage disposal were \$987,000 and \$343,000, respectively, in 2006.

Additional costs incurred in relation to both water and sewer included depreciation expense of \$360,000 and interest expense of \$408,000. In total, revenues exceeded expense for the combined Water and Sewer Fund by \$655,000 primarily due to increased water and sewer rates and usage by the Township residents.

The Township's Funds

Our analysis of the Township's major funds begins on page 10, following the government-wide financial statements. The fund financial statements provide detail information about the most significant funds, not the Township as a whole. The Township board creates funds to help manage money for specific purposes as well as to show accountability for certain activities, such as special property tax millages. The Township's major funds for 2006 include the General Fund and the Fire Fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

There were no significant variations between original and final budget amounts other than an increase in other income by \$75,000 due to the final recovery of fraud damages. Actual revenue was \$33,000 less than budgeted revenue. Actual expenditures were \$72,000 more than budgeted primarily due to the Prouty Road/Lands End project costs. There was adequate fund balance to cover the excess actual expenditures and, therefore, fund balance was \$60,000 less than budgeted at December 31, 2006.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Continued)

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

At the end of 2006, the Township had \$15,357,000 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including buildings, ambulance, fire, compactor equipment, and water and sewer lines. In addition, the Township has invested significantly in roads within the Township and these shared costs have been capitalized, even though these roads are the property of the Grand Traverse County Road Commission.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets

The Township's General Fund budget for next year calls for \$1,344,250 in revenue and \$1,298,129 in expenditures. A decrease in revenue was budgeted related to the fraud recovery in 2006 that will not occur in 2007. The decrease in revenue produced a budgeted decrease in the township board expenditure budget.

There are no new special assessments expected in 2007.

Impact of Fraud

During 2005, fraud was discovered in the clerk's office that impacted the 2004 and 2005 financial results. The investigation is complete and final damages and recoveries of \$124,667 have been collected in 2006.

Management and the board have taken many steps to strengthen the internal controls of the Township. However, the problems encountered in 2004 continued to impact a portion of 2006. The Township is committed to continuing to strengthen controls, protecting the residents' assets, and obtaining reliable financial information on a timely basis.

Contacting the Township's Management

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to show the Township's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the clerk's office.

Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2006

	Primary Government							
	Go	vernmental	Busine	ss-type				
	Activities		Acti	vities		Total		
Assets								
Cash and investments (Note 3)	\$	1,425,037	\$ 1,	650,328	\$	3,075,365		
Receivables:								
Property taxes/Special assessments		830,967	(671,919		1,502,886		
Intergovernmental		115,370		115,271		230,641		
Investment in joint venture (Note 10)		1,230,000		-		1,230,000		
Capital assets - Nondepreciable (Note 5)		768,104		-		768,104		
Capital assets - Depreciable - Net (Note 5)		863,579	13,	725,424		14,589,003		
Total assets		5,233,057	16,	162,942		21,395,999		
Liabilities								
Accounts payable		48,792		75,283		124,075		
Accrued and other liabilities		12,028		58,761		70,789		
Deferred revenue (Note 4)		1,319,713		-		1,319,713		
Noncurrent liabilities (Note 7):								
Due within one year		37,608		554,936		592,544		
Due in more than one year		420,576	6,	995,414		7,415,990		
Total liabilities		1,838,717	7,	684,394		9,523,111		
Net Assets								
Invested in capital assets - Net of related debt		1,173,499	6,	135,290		7,308,789		
Restricted for:								
Fire and ambulance services		478,524		-		478,524		
Township improvements		119,699		-		119,699		
Unrestricted		1,622,618	2,	343,258		3,965,876		
Total net assets	\$	3,394,340	\$ 8,4	78,548	\$	11,872,888		

Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2006

					Net (Expense) Revenue and						
				Revenues	Changes in Net Assets						
					P		rima	ry Governmen	ıt		
			(Charges for	Governmental		В	usiness-type			
	Expenses			Services		Activities		Activities		Total	
Functions/Programs											
Primary government:											
Governmental activities:											
General government	\$	739,838	\$	293,263	\$	(446,575)	\$	_	\$	(446,575)	
Public safety	·	852,675		44,411		(808,264)		_		(808,264)	
Public works		141,225		-		(141,225)		_		(141,225)	
Recreation and culture		45,583		-		(45,583)		_		(45,583)	
Interest on long-term debt		13,054				(13,054)				(13,054)	
Total governmental activities		1,792,375		337,674		(1,454,701)		-		(1,454,701)	
Business-type activities - Water											
and sewer		1,467,986		2,020,503				552,517		552,517	
Total primary government	\$	3,260,361	\$	2,358,177		(1,454,701)		552,517		(902,184)	
	Gener	al revenues:									
	Pro	perty taxes				1,112,450		-		1,112,450	
	Stat	e-shared reveni	ues			679,927		-		679,927	
	Unr	estricted invest	ment	earnings		62,453		50,503		112,956	
	Frai	nchise fees				67,612		-		67,612	
	Mis	cellaneous				80,574		51,887		132,461	
		Total gene	eral r	evenues		2,003,016		102,390		2,105,406	
	Change in Net Asset					548,315		654,907		1,203,222	
	Net A	Assets - Beginni	ng of	year		2,846,025		7,823,641		10,669,666	
	Net A	Assets - End of	year		\$	3,394,340	\$	8,478,548	\$	11,872,888	

Governmental Funds Balance Sheet December 31, 2006

	Ge	eneral Fund		Fire Fund		Nonmajor vernmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
Assets								
Cash and investments (Note 3) Receivables: Property taxes	\$	346,221 300,034	\$	859,117 530,933	\$	219,699	\$	830,967
Intergovernmental Total assets	\$	761,625	<u>\$</u>	1,390,050	\$	219,699	\$	115,370 2,371,374
Liabilities and Fund Balances								
Liabilities Accounts payable Accrued and other liabilities Deferred revenue (Note 4) Total liabilities Fund Balances Reserved for: Fire and ambulance services Township improvements Budget stabilization Unreserved - Reported in General Fund Total fund balances	\$	32,251 12,028 424,728 469,007 - - 292,618 292,618	\$ 	16,541 - 894,985 911,526 478,524 - - - 478,524	\$ 	- - - 119,699 100,000 - 219,699	\$	48,792 12,028 1,319,713 1,380,533 478,524 119,699 100,000 292,618 990,841
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of			diffe			219,699		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial the funds	reso	urces and ar	e n	ot reported II	า			1,631,683
Joint venture investments used in governmental activities are r reported in the funds	not fi	nancial reso	urc	es and are no	t			1,230,000
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current pe funds	riod	and are not	rep	orted in the				(458,184)
Net assets of governmental activities							\$	3,394,340

Governmental Funds Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ended December 31, 2006

_	Ge	General Fund		Fire Fund		lonmajor vernmental Funds	Go	Total vernmental Funds
Revenue	\$	320,536	\$	791,914	¢		\$	1,112,450
Property taxes Licenses and permits	Ф	24,153	Ф	771,714	Ф	-	Ф	24,153
State-shared revenues		679,927		_		-		679,927
Charges for services		269,110		- 44,411		_		313,521
Franchise fees		207,110		-		67,612		67,612
Interest and rentals		27,014		33,211		2,228		62,453
Other		80,574		-		-		80,574
Total revenue		1,401,314		869,536		69,840		2,340,690
Expenditures								
General government		730,839		_		-		730,839
Public safety		230,865		757,687		_		988,552
Public works		111,334		-		-		111,334
Recreation and culture		21,553		-		-		21,553
Insurance and other		198,243		9,034		500		207,777
Debt service			_			39,660		39,660
Total expenditures		1,292,834		766,721		40,160		2,099,715
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures		108,480		102,815		29,680		240,975
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Proceeds from debt issuance		120,000		_		-		120,000
Transfer in (out) (Note 6)	_	(100,000)				100,000		
Total other financing sources		20,000				100,000		120,000
Net Change in Fund Balances		128,480		102,815		129,680		360,975
Fund Balances - Beginning of year		164,138	_	375,709		90,019		629,866
Fund Balances - End of year	\$	292,618	\$	478,524	\$	219,699	\$	990,841

Governmental Funds Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2006

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 360,975
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation: Current year capital additions	189,948
Current year allocation of depreciation	(138,214)
Investment in joint venture income reported in the statement of activities that does not provide current financial resources and is not reported as revenue in the governmental funds	229,000
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but not in the statement of activities (where it reduces long-term debt)	26,606
Bond proceeds are not reported as financing sources on the statement of activities	 (120,000)
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 548,315

Proprietary Funds Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2006

	٧	Enterprise Fund - Water and		
	Se	wer Fund		
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	\$	1,650,328		
Receivables:				
Special assessments		659,696		
Intergovernmental		127,494		
Total current assets		2,437,518		
Noncurrent assets - Capital assets (Note 5)		13,725,424		
Total assets		16,162,942		
Liabilities				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable		75,283		
Accrued and other liabilities		58,761		
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 7)		554,936		
Total current liabilities		688,980		
Noncurrent liabilities - Long-term debt - Net of current				
portion (Note 7)		6,995,414		
Total liabilities		7,684,394		
Net Assets				
Investment in capital assets - Net of related debt		6,135,290		
Unrestricted		2,343,258		
Total net assets	<u>\$</u>	8,478,548		

Proprietary Funds Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Enterprise Fund - Water and Sewer Fund
Operating Revenue	
Sale of water/benefit fees	\$ 1,033,059
Sewage disposal charges	987,444
Total operating revenue	2,020,503
Operating Expenses	
Cost of water produced/purchased	338,270
Cost of sewage treatment	342,708
Depreciation	359,947
Other expense	19,096
Total operating expenses	1,060,021
Operating Income	960,482
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense)	
Investment income	50,503
Interest on special assessments	51,887
Interest expense	(407,965)
Change in Net Assets	654,907
Net Assets - Beginning of year	7,823,641
Net Assets - End of year	<u>\$ 8,478,548</u>

Proprietary Funds Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2006

	\	Enterprise Fund - Water and ewer Fund
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash Flows from Operating Activities Receipts from customers	\$	2,046,482
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Payments to suppliers		(671,457)
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,375,025
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Collection of customer assessments (principal and interest)		97,725
Purchase of capital assets		(167,179)
Proceeds from issuance of capital debt		201,000
Principal and interest paid on capital debt		(928,527)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities		(796,981)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities - Interest received on investments		50,503
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		628,547
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of year		1,021,781
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of year	<u>\$</u>	1,650,328
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash from Operating Activities		
Operating income	\$	960,482
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash from	Ψ	700, 102
operating activities:		
Depreciation		359,947
Changes in assets and liabilities:		337,747
Receivables		25,979
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		28,617
Accounts payable and accided liabilities		20,017
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$</u>	1,375,025

Fiduciary Funds Statement of Assets and Liabilities December 31, 2006

	Agency Funds
Assets - Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	<u>\$ 1,008,554</u>
Liabilities	
Due to other governmental units	\$ 959,937
Due to others	48,617
Total liabilities	\$ 1,008,554

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of Charter Township of East Bay (the "Township") conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by Charter Township of East Bay:

Reporting Entity

Charter Township of East Bay is governed by an elected seven-member board. The accompanying financial statements present the Township only since there are no component units which should be included as part of the Township's reporting entity.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (I) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Township considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. The following major revenue sources meet the availability criterion: state-shared revenue and interest associated with the current fiscal period. Conversely, special assessments and federal grant reimbursements will be collected after the period of availability; receivables have been recorded for these, along with a "deferred revenue" liability.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Fire Fund - The Fire Fund accounts for the operation of the Township fire department and ambulance services. Financing is provided by a special property tax levy.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The Township reports the following major proprietary fund:

Water and Sewer Fund - The Water and Sewer Fund is used to account for the results of operations that provide water and sewer services to residents, financed primarily by a user charge for the provision of those services.

Additionally, the Township reports the following fund type:

Agency Funds - The Agency Funds account for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity. Agency Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve the measurement of results of operations.

Private sector standards of accounting issued prior to December 1, 1989 are generally followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Township has elected not to follow private sector standards issued after November 30, 1989 for its business-type activities.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the Township's water and sewer function and various other functions of the Township. Eliminations of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Amounts reported as program revenue include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenue and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenue and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of our proprietary funds relates to charges to customers for sales and services. The Water and Sewer Fund also recognizes the portion of tap fees intended to recover current costs (e.g., labor and materials to hook up new customers) as operating revenue. The portion intended to recover the cost of the infrastructure is recognized as nonoperating revenue. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenue and expenses.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Property Tax Revenue

Property taxes are levied on each December I on the taxable valuation of property as of the preceding December 31. Taxes are considered delinquent on March I of the following year, at which time penalties and interest are assessed.

The Township's 2005 tax is levied and collectible on December 1, 2005 and is recognized as revenue in the year ended December 31, 2006, when the proceeds of the levy are budgeted and available for the financing of operations.

The 2005 taxable valuation of the Township totaled \$386,411,740, on which taxes levied consisted of 0.7437 mills for operating purposes. The millage for fire and ambulance services of 2.15 mills is levied on a taxable valuation of \$372,827,740 (real property only). This resulted in approximately \$290,000 for operating and \$792,000 for fire and ambulance services. These amounts are recognized in the respective General and Special Revenue Funds financial statements as tax revenue.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

Bank Deposits and Investments - Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value.

Receivables and Payables - In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances." All trade and property tax receivables are shown as net of allowance for uncollectible amounts.

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Township as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000 for equipment, machinery, and furniture and \$5,000 for building, building improvements, and other improvements, with an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note I - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Buildings, equipment, and vehicles are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Roads and sidewalks	15 to 20 years
Water and sewer distribution systems	50 years
Buildings and improvements	15 to 50 years
Vehicles	3 to 5 years
Office furnishings and tools	3 to 7 years

Long-term Obligations - In the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund-type statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

Fund Equity - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Construction Code Fees - The Township oversees building construction, in accordance with the State's Construction Code Act, including inspection of building construction and renovation to ensure compliance with the building codes. The Township charges fees for these services. The law requires that collection of these fees be used only for construction code costs, including an allocation of estimated overhead costs. A summary of the current year activity and the cumulative surplus or shortfall generated since January I, 2000 is as follows:

Accumulated balance at January 1, 2006		\$ -
Current year building permit revenue Related expenses - Direct costs	\$ 5,880 (5,880)	
Accumulated balance at December 31, 2006		\$

Note 3 - Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.91 (Public Act 20 of 1943, as amended) authorizes local governmental units to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have offices in Michigan. The local unit is allowed to invest in bonds, securities, and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions, which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

The Township has designated three banks for the deposit of its funds. The investment policy adopted by the board has authorized all of the investments in the state authority as listed above. The Township's deposits and investment policies are in accordance with statutory policy.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note 3 - Deposits and Investments (Continued)

The Township's cash and investments are subject to several types of risk, which are examined in more detail below:

Custodial Credit Risk of Bank Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Township's deposits may not be returned to it. The Township does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At year end, the Township had \$3,802,321 of bank deposits (certificates of deposit, checking and savings accounts) that were uninsured and uncollateralized. The Township believes that due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits and the limits of FDIC insurance, it is impractical to insure all deposits. As a result, the Township evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits funds and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

Custodial Credit Risk of Investments - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Township does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. At year end, \$1,286,338 was held in a bank investment pool.

The bank investment pool is held by the trust department of the bank and regulated by the Michigan Banking Act. The fair value of the position in the bank investment pool is the same as the value of the pooled shares. The bank investment pool is not rated as of December 31, 2006.

Note 4 - Deferred Revenue

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenue that is not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds and governmental activities also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received but not yet earned. At December 31, 2006, the Township had \$1,319,713 in unearned revenue related to property taxes.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note 5 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity of the Township's governmental and business-type activities was as follows:

					Balance
		Balance		De	ecember 31,
Governmental Activities	Jan	uary 1, 2006	 Additions		2006
Capital assets not being depreciated - Land	\$	768,104	\$ -	\$	768,104
Capital assets being depreciated: Roads and sidewalks Buildings and improvements Vehicles Office furnishings and tools		- 1,068,487 280,269 276,000	 117,376 34,988 - 37,584		117,376 1,103,475 280,269 313,584
Subtotal		1,624,756	189,948		1,814,704
Accumulated depreciation: Roads and sidewalks Buildings and improvements Vehicles Office furnishings and tools Subtotal Net capital assets being depreciated Net capital assets	\$	310,900 234,129 267,882 812,911 811,845 1,579,949	\$ 3,913 33,450 56,053 44,798 138,214 51,734	\$	3,913 344,350 290,182 312,680 951,125 863,579 1,631,683
Business-type Activities					
Capital assets being depreciated - Water and sewer distribution systems	\$	17,913,638	\$ 167,179	\$	18,080,817
Accumulated depreciation - Water and sewer distribution systems		3,995,446	359,947		4,355,393
Net capital assets	\$	13,918,192	\$ (192,768)	\$	13,725,424

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note 5 - Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the Township as follows:

Governmental	activitios
Governmental	i activities.

General government	\$	40,241
Public safety		61,144
Public works		12,799
Recreation and culture		24,030
Total governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	138,214
Business-type activities:		
Water	\$	79,090
Sewer		280,857
Total business-type activities	\$	359,947

Note 6 - Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers reported in the fund financial statements are comprised of \$100,000 transferred from the General Fund to the Budget Stabilization Fund due to the General Fund's increasing fund balance in 2006.

Note 7 - Long-term Debt

The Township issues bonds to provide for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the Township. County contractual agreements and installment purchase agreements are also general obligations of the government. Special assessment bonds provide for capital improvements that benefit specific properties and will be repaid from amounts levied against those properties benefited from the construction. In the event that a deficiency exists because of unpaid or delinquent special assessments at the time a debt service payment is due, the Township is obligated to provide resources to cover the deficiency until other resources (such as tax sale proceeds or a re-assessment of the district) are received. Revenue bonds involve a pledge of specific income derived from the acquired or constructed assets to pay debt service.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note 7 - Long-term Debt (Continued)

Long-term obligation activity can be summarized as follows:

	Interest	Principal											
	Rate	Maturity	E	Beginning						Ending	Dι	ıe Within	
	Ranges	Ranges		Balance		Additions		(Reductions)		Balance		One Year	
Governmental Activities													
Installment purchase agreements -													
Township Hall agreement:													
Amount of issue: \$415,265		\$27,608 -											
Maturing through December 2010	3.70%	\$221,483	\$	364,790	\$	-	\$	(26,606)	\$	338,184	\$	27,608	
2006 Capital Improvement Bond:													
Amounts of issue: \$120,000		\$10,000 -											
Maturing through March 2016	4.76%	\$14,000	-	-	_	120,000		-	_	120,000		10,000	
Total governmental activities			\$	364,790	\$	120,000	\$	(26,606)	\$	458,184	\$	37,608	

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note 7 - Long-term Debt (Continued)

	Interest Rate Ranges	Principal Maturity Ranges	Beginning Balance	Additions	(Reductions)	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year	
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Business-type Activities Contractual obligations with Grand Traverse County: 1991 Water and Sanitary Sewer Extension #1 Special Assessment (#321): Amount of issue: \$1,330,000 Maturing through November 1, 2011	6.37%	\$80,000 - \$95,000	\$ 520,000	\$ -	\$ (80,000)	\$ 440,000	\$ 80,000	
1991 Water and Sanitary Sewer Extension #2 Special Assessment (#323): Amount of issue: \$210,000		\$10.000 -						
Maturing through July 1, 2011	4.77%	\$15,000	65,000	-	(10,000)	55,000	10,000	
Sewage Disposal System Series 1994 (#327): Amount of issue: \$210,000 Maturing through November 1, 2013	6.04%	\$10,000 - \$15,000	95,000	-	(10,000)	85,000	10,000	
Sewage Disposal System Series 2002 (#335): Amount of issue: \$800,000 Maturing through May 1, 2023	4.08%	\$30,000 - \$60,000	710,000	-	(30,000)	680,000	30,000	
Sewage Disposal System Bonds Series 1993 (#325): Amount of issue: \$925,000 Maturing through November 1, 2012	5.00%	\$60,000 - \$80,000	470,000	-	(55,000)	415,000	60,000	
Sewage Disposal System Bonds Series 1995 (#328): Amount of issue: \$3,725,000 Maturing through May 1, 2015	2.62%	\$17,903 - \$35,805	192,784	_	(15,154)	177,630	17,903	
Sewage Disposal System Bonds Series 1998 (#330): Amount of issue: \$1,565,000 Maturing through May 1, 2013	3.58%	\$11,550 - \$14,300	99,223	_	(8,130)	91,093	11,550	
Sewage Disposal System Bonds Series 2002 (#334): Amount of issue: \$32,900,000 Maturing through November 1, 2022	3.80%	\$44,071 - \$66,720	1,092,643	-	(34,547)	1,058,096	44,071	
Water System Improvements Series 2001 (#332): Amount of issue: \$1,250,000 Maturing through May 1, 2021	4.66%	\$50,000 - \$95,000	1,080,000	-	(45,000)	1,035,000	50,000	
Sewer/Water Improvements Bonds Series 2003 (#336): Amount of issue: \$6,745,000 Maturing through November 1, 2023	4.06%	\$137,412 - \$234,589	3,119,943	-	(137,412)	2,982,531	137,412	
2006 General Obligation Limited Tax Capital Improvement Bond: Amount of issue: \$201,000 Maturing through April 2021	4.90%	\$9,000 - \$18,000	-	201,000	-	201,000	9,000	
Installment purchase - Water main extensions: Amount of issue: \$660,000 Maturing through June 1, 2011	6.00%	\$50,000 - \$65,000	335,000	-	(50,000)	285,000	50,000	
Installment purchase - Water system lease purchase:								
Amount of issue: \$340,000 Maturing through February 15, 2007	5.45%	\$45,000	85,000		(40,000)	45,000	45,000	
Total business-type activities			\$ 7,864,593	\$ 201,000	\$ (515,243)	\$ 7,550,350	\$ 554,936	

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note 7 - Long-term Debt (Continued)

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the above bonds and note obligations are as follows:

	Governmental Activities							Business-type Activities					
	F	Principal		nterest		Total		Principal		Interest		Total	
2007	\$	37,608	\$	17,467	\$	55,075	\$	554,936	\$	321,228	\$	876,164	
2008		38,647		16,249		54,896		534,907		298,389		833,296	
2009		40,724		14,696		55,420		546,321		274,625		820,946	
2010		263,205		13,053		276,258		581,063		250,624		831,687	
2011		12,000		3,713		15,713		605,899		224,286		830,185	
2012-2016		66,000		9,663		75,663		1,918,781		783,937		2,702,718	
2017-2021		-		-		-		2,117,807		395,446		2,513,253	
2022-2026							_	690,636		39,772	_	730,408	
Total	\$	458,184	\$	74,841	\$	533,025	\$	7,550,350	\$	2,588,307	\$	10,138,657	

Note 8 - Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The Township has purchased commercial insurance for medical benefits, participates in the Michigan Municipal Underwriters for claims relating to property loss, torts, and errors and omissions, and carries workers' compensation insurance with the Michigan Municipal League. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 9 - Defined Contribution Pension Plan

The Township provides pension benefits to all of its full-time employees through a defined contribution plan. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate from the date of employment. The Township contributes I I percent of employees' gross earnings and employee contributions for each employee plus interest allocated to the employee's account are fully vested immediately.

The Township's total payroll during the current year was \$459,807, made up of \$344,076 from General Fund and \$115,731 from Fire Fund. The current year contribution was calculated based on covered payroll of \$337,782, including \$280,687 from the General Fund and \$57,095 from the Fire Fund. This resulted in an employer contribution of \$30,876 for the General Fund and \$6,280 for the Fire Fund. There were General Fund employee contributions of \$6,407.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2006

Note 10 - Joint Venture

The Township entered into a master sewer agreement effective July 1, 1987 through June 30, 2010 with the City of Traverse City, the Townships of Acme, Peninsula, and Garfield in Grand Traverse County, the Township of Elmwood in Leelanau County, and Grand Traverse County. This master sewer agreement defines the allocation of costs and establishes certain rights and responsibilities with respect to the wastewater treatment plant. Grand Traverse County is the owner of the treatment plant and the City of Traverse City is the owner of all the multiuser facilities. Ownership of the treatment plant will revert to the City of Traverse City when certain bonds issued by Grand Traverse County are retired.

The City of Traverse City is the exclusive manager of the plant for the benefit of itself and the townships. As the exclusive manager, the City of Traverse City has the obligation to fully inform and advise the townships as to the treatment plant's operation and the townships shall have the right to comment on all matters connected with the administration of the plant.

Each participant in the joint venture pays an amount sufficient to cover their pro rata share of treatment plant costs. Each participant's pro rata share is determined by their volume of sewage treated in relation to total sewage treated at the plant.

The Township is responsible for debt service on the debt issues listed in Note 7 as determined biannually based upon the percentage of the Township's flow to the total flow through the treatment plant. For the biannual period ended December 31, 2006, the Township's percentage was 8.38 percent.

The Township also contributes one mill of its Fire Fund tax levy to the Grand Traverse County Fire Department - Metro Division (Metro). Metro is a joint venture between the Township and Acme and Garfield Townships of Grand Traverse County. The Township's equity interest was 28.5 percent at December 31, 2006. This equity interest is adjusted annually and the 2006 equity interest balance is approximately \$1,230,000.

Note II - Contingent Liabilities

From time to time, the Township is party to various lawsuits and claims arising out of the normal conduct of its business. In the opinion of management, the financial position of the Township will not be materially affected by the final outcome of these legal proceedings.

	Required	Supplemental	Information
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Required Supplemental Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2006

	 Original Budget		Amended Budget		Actual	A	riance with amended Budget
Revenues							
Property taxes	\$ 289,500	\$	319,237	\$	320,536	\$	1,299
State sources	690,000		690,000		679,927		(10,073)
Fees and permits	18,000		26,000		24,153		(1,847)
Charges for services	278,000		293,588		269,110		(24,478)
Interest income	3,500		26,000		27,014		1,014
Other income	 3,300		79,392	_	80,574		1,182
Total revenues	1,282,300		1,434,217		1,401,314		(32,903)
Expenditures							
General government:							
Township board	135,750		132,930		117,931		(14,999)
Supervisor	50,012		49,012		47,189		(1,823)
Elections	17,200		26,359		26,359		-
Assessor	79,300		75,000		74,213		(787)
Clerk	69,870		87,823		82,183		(5,640)
Board of review	1,525		1,910		1,903		(7)
Treasurer	76,921		76,775		65,035		(11,740)
Township hall and grounds	233,140		223,805		198,650		(25, 155)
Public safety:							
Sheriff patrol	128,000		128,000		133,437		5,437
Planning Commission/Board of Appeals	24,110		26,610		24,639		(1,971)
Planner/Zoning administrator	66,855		74,355		72,789		(1,566)
Public works:							
Road projects	45,000		29,628		14,103		(15,525)
Street lights	11,000		11,000		14,904		3,904
Compactor	96,201		89,144		82,327		(6,817)
Recreation and culture	19,750		17,950		21,553		3,603
Insurance and other	 217,200	_	197,731	_	198,243		512
Total expenditures	1,271,834		1,248,032		1,175,458		(72,574)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Proceeds from debt issuance	-		-		120,000		120,000
Transfer out	 				(100,000)		(100,000)
Total other financing sources	 			_	20,000		20,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	10,466		186,185		245,856		59,671
Fund Balance - Beginning of year	 164,138		164,138		164,138		
Fund Balance - End of year	\$ 174,604	\$	350,323	\$	409,994	\$	59,671

Required Supplemental Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule Major Special Revenue Fund - Fire Fund Year Ended December 31, 2006

		Variance with Amended				
	Orig	ginal Budget	 Budget	 Actual		Budget
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$	791,821	\$ 908,444	\$ 791,914	\$	(116,530)
Charges for services		51,000	51,000	44,411		(6,589)
Interest income			 28,759	33,211		4,452
Total revenues		842,821	988,203	869,536		(118,667)
Expenditures - Public safety		788,280	 800,520	 766,721		(33,799)
Net Change in Fund Balance		54,541	187,683	102,815		(84,868)
Fund Balance - Beginning of year		375,709	 375,709	 375,709		
Fund Balance - End of year	\$	430,250	\$ 563,392	\$ 478,524	\$	(84,868)

Note to Required Supplemental Information Year Ended December 31, 2006

Note - Budgetary Information

The annual budget is prepared by the Township supervisor, with the assistance of the Township treasurer and clerk, and adopted by the Township board; subsequent amendments are approved by the Township board. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year end; encumbrances are not included as expenditures. The amount of encumbrances outstanding at December 31, 2006 has not been calculated. During the current year, the budget was amended in a legally permissible manner.

Annual budgets are adopted on a consistent basis with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for the General Fund and all Special Revenue Funds. Budgets were adopted on an activity basis; expenditures at this level in excess of amounts budgeted are a violation of Michigan law. A comparison of actual results of operations to the General Fund budget and Major Special Revenue Fund budgets as adopted by the Township board is included in the required supplemental information.

This comparison includes expenditure budget overruns. A comparison of the actual results of operations to the nonmajor Special Revenue Fund budget as adopted by the Township board is available at the clerk's office for inspection.

The Township did not have significant expenditure budget variances.

Other Supplemental Information

Other Supplemental Information Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds December 31, 2006

	Special Revenue Funds					
					-	Total
					١	Vonmajor
	Township Improvement		Budget Stabilization		Governmental Funds	
Assets - Cash and investments	<u>\$</u>	119,699	\$	100,000	\$	219,699
Fund Balance - Reserved for						
Budget stabilization	\$	-	\$	100,000	\$	100,000
Township improvements		119,699				119,699
Total fund balance	\$	119,699	\$	100,000	\$	219,699

Other Supplemental Information Combining Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds Year Ended December 31, 2006

	Special Revenue Funds						
						Total	
					Ν	lonmajor	
	Township			Budget		Governmental	
	Improvement		Stabilization		Funds		
Revenue							
Franchise fees	\$	67,612	\$	-	\$	67,612	
Interest income		2,228				2,228	
Total revenue		69,840		-		69,840	
Expenditures							
Insurance and other		500		-		500	
Debt service		39,660				39,660	
Total expenditures		40,160				40,160	
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures		29,680		-		29,680	
Other Financing Sources - Transfers in				100,000		100,000	
Net Change in Fund Balances		29,680		100,000		129,680	
Fund Balances - Beginning of year		90,019				90,019	
Fund Balances - End of year	\$	119,699	\$	100,000	\$	219,699	

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To the Township Board Charter Township of East Bay

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Charter Township of East Bay as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies and other deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We believe that the following deficiency constitutes a material weakness:

Audit Adjustments - The audit resulted in 25 journal entries posted to adjust the Township's balances as of December 31, 2006. A majority of the journal entries were accrual/balance sheet type entries that may not be submitted to the board for review during the course of the year. Most significantly changed were the Water and Sewer Funds from an unadjusted net income of \$1,443,379 to net income of \$1,825,235. We recommend the Township consider allowing the clerk and the treasurer (those with general ledger responsibilities) to obtain additional training in order to understand the accounting required to fulfill the duties of the elected position.

We consider the following deficiencies to be significant deficiencies in internal control:

Bank Reconciliations - Bank reconciliations after June 2006 were not prepared on a timely basis due to the complexity of the cash accounts (in relation to the number of general ledger accounts included in each cash bank account and having most disbursements run through the General Fund with a duplicate reversing entry to move amounts to the appropriate fund). Bank reconciliations are required to be completed on a timely basis to provide accurate cash information for management to use in making decisions. The board is receiving a copy of the bank reconciliation and the bank statements when completed.

We recommend that a timely bank reconciliation is prepared. The treasurer should post adjustments from the bank statement (interest income and credit card deposits) back to the period it relates to - along with all other adjustments as of the end of the month being reconciled. To document timely preparation, we recommend the Township utilize the sign-off/date procedure for both the preparer and reviewer of the bank reconciliations

Property Tax Activity - During cash receipt testing, we noted that property taxes collected in the property tax receiving cash account were not recorded completely in the general ledger. In prior years, these transactions were not entered in the Fund Balance software; however, efforts have been made to enter this activity in 2006. As a result, the current treasurer was not able to reconcile this cash account to the general ledger. The property tax software (BS&A) does track cash received for property taxes and produces the amounts due to taxing authorities. We noted that all taxing authorities were paid accordingly regardless of the information being excluded from the Fund Balance software. We recommend the treasurer continue to enter all property tax information into the Fund Balance software and perform the monthly bank reconciliation timely.

Special Assessments - In 2006, a detailed listing of special assessment balances by parcel number was provided to us. However, the special assessment receivable general ledger balances did not reconcile to the detailed listing until an adjustment was made during audit fieldwork. This produced an adjustment of \$13,685 in additional revenue for the Water and Sewer Funds, due to the receivable balances not being correct for a number of years, which resulted in prior period scope limitations on the audit. As a result of the review performed by the new treasurer, these balances were identified as correct and we were able to test accordingly. In order to maintain accurate records, we recommend these receivable balances be adjusted on a regular basis to reflect cash receipts as they are collected and balances be compared to the property tax software (BS&A) on a regular basis, monthly, or at least quarterly.

Journal Entries - We noted that a supervisory review of journal entry support for reasonableness was not being performed during 2006. While the Township is now keeping some documentation for recorded journal entries, the available documentation is not adequate. For instance, there was a reclassification from the General Fund to the Agency Fund with the only documentation being a copy of the entry itself. We also noted that manual journal entries can select any type of source journal from a drop-down box when inputting into Fund Balance software and that the treasurer can post cash-related journal entries into the Fund Balance software.

Monthly revenue and expense reports are given to the board, who can identify significant changes and question them. However, a review of journal entries with adequate support is essential for strong internal controls. We recommend that the master journal entry form include support for journal entries in addition to documenting a preparer and a reviewer. As an additional control, we recommend a periodic review by the supervisor of all journal entries posted, looking at the reasonableness of the entry and who posted it.

Accounts Payable - The accounts payable general ledger balance was not accurate as of December 31, 2006 at the beginning of fieldwork. This was due primarily to checks issued during 2007 that related to 2006 expenses that were backdated in the system to reflect the expenditure in the proper period. As a result, cash and accounts payable were improperly reduced as of December 31, 2006 for the backdated checks. We obtained a listing of the backdated checks and adjusted both cash and AP to reflect the actual balances as of year end. For future year ends, we recommend the clerk maintain the listing of expenses that come in after year end but relate to the prior year (with expenditure accounts), to produce a manual accounts payable journal entry to record at December 31. This same entry can then be immediately reversed as of January 1. This will produce the correct cash and accounts payable balance effectively as of December 31.

Control Deficiencies

Debt Activity - In 2006, the new treasurer spent time investigating the debt for proper classification between Water and Sewer Funds. As a result, debt was moved to the proper Water and Sewer Funds to reflect more accurate recording of the amounts owed by each fund. This adjustment is to further reflect more accurate information on a per-fund basis. During the year, some bond payments were recorded to offset the liability, but some still were posted to expense. As a result, during the year the balance sheet was misstated. The Township is still working through understanding the difference between an enterprise and a governmental fund. As a result, showing the debt payments as an expense gave the board information on debt payments, even though it was incorrect. The Township has also spent significant time analyzing future debt payments versus cash flows. Overall, this misstatement in the balance sheet has not materially affected the Township's ability to make financial decisions.

We recommend that the treasurer reduce the proper accounts when debt payments are made for the Water and Sewer Bonds and installment purchase agreements. Principal portions should reduce the balance sheet liability accounts and the interest/fees/capacity payments should be recorded as an expense. The board should be provided with a balance sheet as well as a revenue and expense report for proper analysis of the funds at board meetings.

Further, we noted that the special assessment funds are collecting cash to pay for debt. Cash will be recorded in those specific funds and then transferred to the proper Water or Sewer Fund to help pay debt. An alternative would be to close out the specific special assessment funds and record them as line item accounts receivable balances in the respective Water or Sewer Fund.

Bank Reconciliation Differences - There were reconciliation differences maintained month to month on several bank reconciliations. These adjustments reflect errors requiring journal entries to correct the general ledger to accurately reflect cash activity in the bank. We recommend these reconciling amounts be adjusted in a timely manner to prevent future bank reconciliation differences.

Capital Asset Schedule - The Township relies on the auditor to update the capital asset schedule and calculate depreciation expense. The Township provides the additions to the auditor each year. In addition, the Water and Sewer Funds show capital outlay expense for capitalizable projects during the year. Due to the nature of the Water and Sewer Funds being enterprise funds, capital project costs should be capitalized when paid versus expensed. We adjusted these costs out of expense and into capital asset balance sheet accounts as part of the audit. As a result, the statement of activities was misstated during the year, showing inappropriate expenses and omitting depreciation expense. To correct this deficiency, the Township should consider having the clerk attend accounting training in order to take over these types of responsibilities.

Other Items

Budgets - The budget is required to include a beginning fund balance for each fund with a calculated ending fund balance based on the budgeted revenues and expenditures. In addition, a budget cannot reflect a negative (deficit) fund balance.

We also noted that for special assessment funds, the Township budgets for special assessment collections of cash as revenue for Water and Sewer Special Assessment Funds when it should decrease to the special assessment receivable. Bond principal payments for Water and Sewer Funds were also budgeted for as an expenditure when those payments should be decreasing the liability account when paid. The Township should discontinue this practice in the Water and Sewer Funds and only budget for interest payments related to special assessments.

Bank Accounts for Cash - It was noted that there is still a commingling of cash from various funds in the same bank account. For example, the Traverse City State Bank general cash account includes the General Fund, the Township Improvement Fund, and Agency and Lite Fund special assessments (considered agency funds). We recommend the Township continue to assess the cash accounts and related general ledger accounts for appropriate groupings. This could alleviate time spent on reconciliations.

Board Communication - Currently the board is only receiving a revenue and expenditure report for all funds (with budget information included). We recommend the board, at least, be provided a cash summary sheet showing all cash balances by fund at the monthly board meeting. Ideally, a balance sheet would also make sense.

Board Minutes - We noted a large number of board minute edits (i.e., on March 12, 2007, noted edits to the January 8, 2007 minutes). Edits are documented and attached to the board minutes. We recommend the Township make efforts to provide accurate minutes and question why this is happening so frequently.

IPS Submission of Payroll Information - Currently the payroll spreadsheets are faxed to IPS. There may be a more effective and efficient means of communicating this information to IPS. The Township should look into the option of online access to directly input the payroll spreadsheet information. There may also be a feature that lets the clerk enter the information, but doesn't release the information until the treasurer reviews.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Township board, management, and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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